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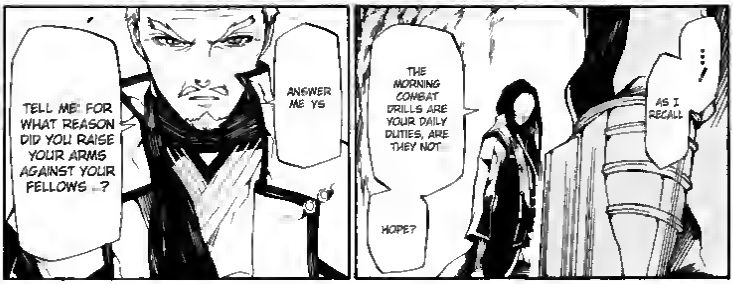
GAH...
SI... SIRYS,
WHY...?
.....
...I'M GETTIN' A SCENT OF BLOOD...
WE MUST HURRY!
!!
WH ...!?

JUST WHAT
ARE YOU DOING HERE...?


TELL ME! FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU RAISE YOUR ARMS AGAINST YOUR FELLOWS...?
ANSWER ME YS
THE MORNING COMBAT DRILLS ARE YOUR DAILY DUTIES, ARE THEY NOT
HOPE?
...
AS I RECALL

.....
SO I SAVED THEIR IGNORANT SOULS...
THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND ME,
...TO GIVE THEM SALVATION, OF COURSE.

...!
OH?
YOU TWO...
I'VE SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE
OOHA HAHA...!
?
Y'KNOW 'IM ALREADY?
TCH— WHY IS HE IN HERE !?
...JONATHAN?

OHH!
I REMEMBER! YOU TWO
WERE WITH THAT WOMAN I KILLED AT SOME POINT—
YOU BASTARD!
!!
OOHOO!
THIS SWORDSMANSHIP...
SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY
...!

ARRRRGH
!?
HOHO, YOU TIRED.
BUT PUTTING IN THAT MUCH STRENGTH INTO YOUR STRIKES WAS—
AL!
BU-FU-DY-NE!
!

WHOOPS
MA-KA-RA-KA-RN.
!!
Th... This son of a gun...
He reflected my own blizzard back at me...!
.....!
YOU BROUGHT A DEMON ALONG! VERY NICE!
YOU'VE BECOME A WONDERFUL SAMURAI, HAVEN'T YOU!?
clap clap clap
D...
DAMN IT!
...NOW THEN,
-AND I MEAN THIS AS JUST A BIT, MIND-
LEMME GET SERIOUS TOO—

!?
STEP ASIDE, ASUMA! THIS CUR IS MY—
HH
ESCAPE, JONATHAN...!
ARE YOU SO DETERMINED TO LOSE YOUR LIFE!?
THE LIFE THAT NICOLA SAVED!?

ALL THAT GROWTH...
KILLING YOU BOTH NOW
WOULD BE SUCH A WASTE...!
HOH!
I CAN SEE THE STUCK-UP ONE'S GOTTEN CORRESPONDINGLY STRONGER AS WELL...
!

I COULD NOT DEFEND HIM - COULD NOT DEFEND JONATHAN!
BACK THEN,
OH, HOW RUDE OF ME
.....!

WHAT EXTENT OF THE ENEMY'S STRENGTH IS FOR SHOW?
BUT I AM NO LONGER WHO I WAS BEFORE.
"HE" IS THE ONLY ONE I CANNOT LET DIE.

...
ASUMA?
!
EVEN HAVING ASKED SO, I KNOW THAT HE IS POWERFUL...!
OH?
IT'S TIME ALREADY?
GOTTA GET MOVIN' SOON
OOHAHA, ALL RIGHT THEN,
SOME OTHER TIME—
!
.....!

... APOLOGIES, ASUMA.
I LOST MYSELF IN ANGER. .
HAD YOU NOT BEEN HERE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.
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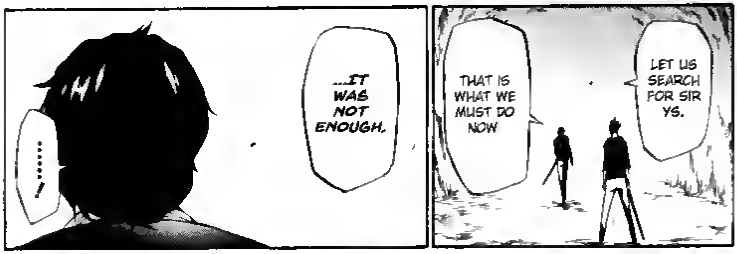
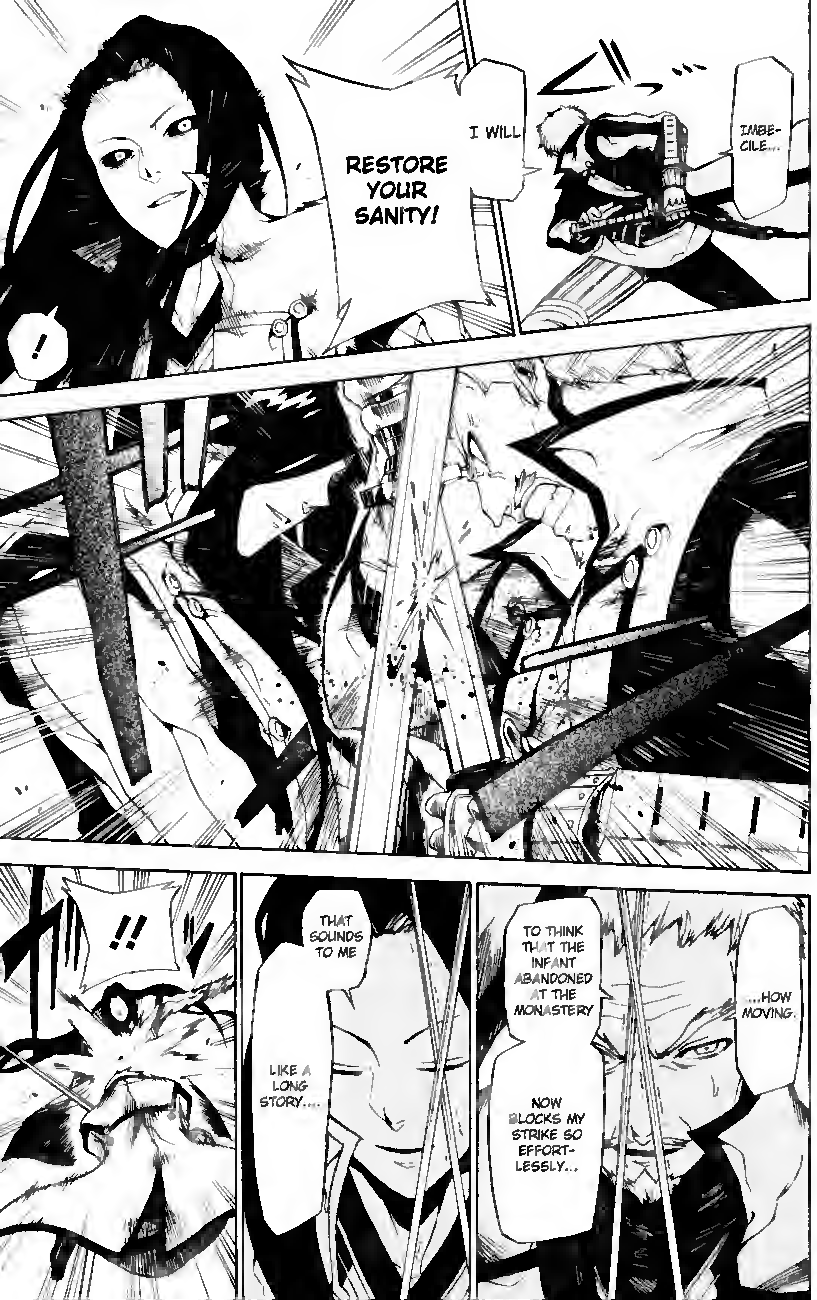

LET US SEARCH FOR SIR YS.
THAT IS WHAT WE MUST DO NOW
...IT WAS NOT ENOUGH.
.....!

YOU WISH TO SAVE SOULS... YOU SAY?
WE ARE STILL SO UTTERLY WEAK...!

I'VE NO REAL TASTE
FOR THE TALES OF OLD MEN.
FINALLY DRIVE YOU MAD?
DID THE RAVINGS OF THAT LUNATIC FROM LONG AGO
!!
HOLD, YS!
DO YOU INTEND TO OPEN THAT DOOR!?
ス…
AND AT ANY RATE, I'VE TARRIED HERE OVERLONG
IF YOU WILL TURN A DEAF EAR, EVEN NOW, THEN—
チャキ—
HOPE.
IT IS THE DOMAIN OF A BEAST, THE MINOTAUR!
REGARDLESS OF YOUR SKILL, YOU WILL NOT PASS THROUGH UNHARMED!
YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS, BUT...
BEYOND THERE LIES NARAKU'S GATE-KEEPER...

BEFORE YOU...
WATCH YOUR WORDS.
WHO WILL BECOME THE NEW GOD OF THIS WORLD YOU SEE.
STANDS THE MAN
HO!
YOU WOULD KILL ME?
YS ...!
. YOU FOOL
.....
!?


IMBE-
CILE...
I WILL
RESTORE
YOUR
SANITY!
!
!!
THAT
SOUNDS
TO ME
LIKE A
LONG
STORY....
TO THINK
THAT THE
INFANT
ABANDONED
AT THE
MONASTERY
NOW
BLOCKS MY
STRIKE SO
EFFORT-
LESSLY...
...HOW
MOVING.

IF YOU DISLIKE LONG TALES SO MUCH...
!!!!!!
THEN I SHALL END IT HERE AND NOW!
ZIO-DYNE!

...TROUBLE-SOME OLD MAN.
AMY.
ZAN-MA.
THAT DEMON IS—
!
∞ HA HA!
REAL WEAK ZIODYNE, THAT ONE

ME-
GI-
DO-
LA!
!
HOHOH!
STUBBORN ONE, AREN'T YA!?
RIGHT THEN,
HOW ABOUT THIS?
!!!

GAH...!
INDEED, IT ENDED HERE AND NOW.
AMY, GIVE THE OLD ONE SALVATION.
OO HA HA!

WHY,
YS...!?
.....!
MY CONVICTION BECOMES MORE AND MORE UNSHAKEABLE
STEP BY STEP, SECOND BY SECOND,
TRULY, ONLY I WOULD BE A WORTHY GOD FOR THIS WORLD
A VISITOR, AFTER SO LONG...?
H... HOLD, Y...

YOU, WHO HATH CROSSED INTO MY DOMAIN,
BE YOU IGNORANT FOOL,
OR VALIANT WARRIOR...?

IT MATTERS NOT. YOU STAND BEFORE ME,
AND I SHALL NOT PERMIT YOU TO CLEAR THIS GATE...!

H...
HOW ...
フシュウウウ
IMPOSSIBLE...
!
..I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DEGREE OF POWER I USED.
BUT, MY OH MY...
THIS IS QUITE THE CONVENIENCE.

COM-
MANDER!
HOLD
FAST!
WHAT
IN
HEAVEN'S
!
COM-
MANDER!
!
YS
IS...
JONATHAN,
ASUMA
DOO
.....!
THIS
IS...!?
NO,
WAIT,
HE ..!
!?
HE
DISAP-
PEARED
...?

Al, left behind after the fight with Amy
Wai— You're running too fast, Jonathan.. -wheeze-